

House File 2500 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2085)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a new license to be issued by the board of
2 educational examiners.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **272.16 Temporary initial license**
2 **for applicants who complete an alternative teacher certification**
3 **program.**

4 1. The board shall grant a temporary initial teaching
5 license to an applicant who meets all of the following
6 requirements:

7 a. The applicant shall hold a bachelor's degree from an
8 accredited college or university.

9 b. The applicant shall successfully complete an alternative
10 teacher certification program that includes all of the
11 following:

12 (1) The required content training in the area in which the
13 applicant seeks to be licensed.

14 (2) Pedagogy training, including an examination, that
15 teaches effective instructional delivery, classroom management
16 and organization, assessment, instructional design, and
17 professional learning and leadership.

18 2. To be considered an alternative teacher certification
19 program for purposes of this section, an alternative teacher
20 certification program shall meet all of the following
21 requirements:

22 a. The alternative teacher certification program must
23 operate in at least five states.

24 b. The alternative teacher certification program must have
25 been in operation for at least ten years.

26 3. An individual who successfully completes an alternative
27 teacher certification program and who is granted a temporary
28 initial teaching license by the board under this section is
29 authorized to teach the subjects and grade levels that the
30 individual successfully completed during the alternative
31 teacher certification program.

32 4. The board shall treat an individual who successfully
33 completes an alternative teacher certification program and who
34 is granted a temporary initial teaching license by the board
35 under this section in the same manner as an individual who

1 completes a traditional teacher preparation program and who
2 receives an initial teaching license, including during the
3 process of converting the temporary initial teaching license
4 to a standard teaching license.

5 EXPLANATION

6 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
7 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

8 This bill establishes a new license to be issued by the board
9 of educational examiners.

10 The bill requires the board of educational examiners to
11 grant a temporary initial teaching license to an applicant
12 who holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or
13 university and successfully completes an alternative teacher
14 certification program. The bill describes what an alternative
15 teacher certification program must include.

16 The bill establishes requirements for alternative teacher
17 certification programs, including that the program must operate
18 in at least five states and must have been in operation for at
19 least 10 years.

20 The bill provides that an individual who successfully
21 completes an alternative teacher certification program and who
22 is granted a temporary initial teaching license is authorized
23 to teach the subjects and grade levels that the individual
24 successfully completed during the program.

25 The bill requires the board to treat an individual who
26 successfully completes an alternative teacher certification
27 program and who is granted a temporary initial teaching license
28 in the same manner as an individual who completes a traditional
29 teacher preparation program and who receives an initial
30 teaching license, including during the process of converting
31 the temporary initial teaching license to a standard teaching
32 license.